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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

60 September 6, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 27 BY ADDING ARTICLE 85 (EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR
VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS) TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve an Ordinance to add Article 85 to Title 27 Los Angeles County Electrical Code to establish an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations in compliance with state law.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve for introduction an ordinance to amend Title 27 Los Angeles County Electrical Code by adding Article 85 - Expedited Permitting for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.
3. Introduce, waive reading, and place the proposed ordinance on a subsequent agenda for adoption.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to adopt a checklist to establish requirements for electric vehicle charging stations that conforms to the recommendations contained in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research checklist and to adopt amendments as required to be consistent with the most current version of the Office of Planning and Research checklist.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to adopt an ordinance to amend Title 27 Los Angeles County Electrical Code to add Article 85 to provide an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations. Applicants within the unincorporated County and contract cities that adopt this ordinance by reference will be eligible for expedited permits for qualifying systems.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will promote and encourage the use of alternative energy systems and limit obstacles to their use. This action will maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be minimal impact on expenditures for the Department of Public Works for training its personnel. All associated costs including these training costs are funded from construction-related plan review and permit revenues from Fiscal Year 2016-17.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Assembly Bill 1236 (AB 1236), enacted in October of 2015, amended Government Code Section 65850.7 to require every city and County to adopt an ordinance and checklist on or before September 30, 2016, that creates an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations and identifies the requirements for electric vehicle charging stations to be eligible for expedited review. In developing the ordinance and checklist, Public Works referred to the "Plug-In Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Permitting Checklist" of the "Zero-Emission Vehicles in California: Community Readiness Guidebook" published by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

The enclosed ordinance establishes an expedited, streamlined permitting process that complies with the requirements of AB 1236. There is no increase or change in permit fees charged for the expedited permit.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Installation of electric vehicle charging stations is statutorily and categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Permit issuance for electric vehicle charging stations is an ongoing function of Public Works Building and Safety Division. Adoption of the proposed ordinance to provide an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 21080.35 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Permit applicants that meet the requirements of the ordinance will receive expedited permits, minimizing delays in approvals required for the installation of electric vehicle charging station projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the enclosed ordinance, please return one adopted copy of this letter and one adopted copy of the ordinance to the Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Fire Department
Department of Regional Planning